(ग) जी, नहीं ।

(घ) वर्ष 1991-92 के दौरान 137 एम टी (लगभग 44 लाख रुपए की) एक रूप बिना पोतलदान पूर्व निरीक्षण को भेज दी गयी थी । उसके लिए क्रेता ने 5% का (रुपया 2·2 लाख) गुणवत्ता दावा किया जिसे अच्छे व्यापारिक संबंध बनाए रखने के लिए स्वीकार कर लिया गया था ।

(ङ)से (ज) नेफेड के निम्नलिखित कर्मचारियों को मुअत्तल कर दिया गया :—

श्री एस. एस. मल्होत्रा, महाप्रबन्धक

श्री ए. सूर्यनारायण, महाप्रबंधक और

श्री वी. कृष्णा, प्रबन्धक

इन अधिकारियों को चार्जशीट दी गई और नेफेड ने उनके खिलाफ कार्रवाई शुरू कर दी है ।

नेफेड के अनुसार श्रीलंका को मिर्चों के निर्यात में कोई वित्तीय घाटा नहीं हुआ । वास्तव में इसने कुल निर्यात से वर्ष 1991-92 के दौरान लगभग 60 लाख रुपये का लाभ कमाया ।

Negative Subsidy in Agriculture

5305. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) what are the compulsions for Government to continue with negative subsidy in agriculture in the country;

(b) whether Government have made any study of its impact on GDP;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof;

(d) whether Government are aware that because of the existing negative agriculture subsidiy the Urban Sectors is reaping its benefits at the cost of rural poor; and

(e) if so, what steps/incentives Government are contemplating to counter-effect this imbalance to improve the lot of the rural poor particularly the weaker sections so that they become the real beneficiaries of their agricultural produce ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED) : (a) to (e) The concept of the aggregate measurement of support (AMS) used in the Uruguay Round Agreement on Agriculture is a negotiated concept which is not designed to reflect the terms of trade of agriculture. The negative figure arises from the fact that in most agricultural commodities our support prices during the reference period, 1986-89 have been lower than the international prices. Government is allowing suitable increases in support prices for various agricultural commodities from year to year keeping in view increases in the cost of imports and need to provide a reasonable margin of profit to farmers.

Trade Policy Reforms

5306. DR. SHRIKANT RAMACHANDRA JICHKAR : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the New Trade Policy has been slow in implementation for want of clearance for such proposals on trade policy reforms; and

(b) by when these proposals are likely to be cleared ?